MICROWAVE IMAGING AND 110K)GRAPHIC DIAGNOSTIC TO ANTENNAS IN CYLINDRICAL NEAR-FIELD MEASUREMENT¹

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Abstract

In this paper, the issues pertaining to microwave imaging and holographic diagnostic to antennas in cylindrical near-field measurements are addressed. The theoretical approach is based on expanding the work in [1] and [2] where a cylindrical wave expansion of the field on a cylindrical near-fic]d surface is given. The sampling probe is modeled by its equivalent aperture current (idealized circular aperture) and incorporated into the near-field to far-field transformation. The method of steepest decent is applied to obtain the far-field. In its implementation, however, one could specify directly the angular spectrum at which the far-field is desired to be calculated without resorting to interpolation. The microwave imaging and holographic diagnostic is based on back projection where a plane wave expansion of the far-field is obtained. 'I his approach necessitates the knowledge of the far-field at exact angular spectrum resulting from application of 2-DFFT. 1 lence, we were able to construct simply the near-field on a plane not necessarily on the aperture plane of the test ant enna but also on planes perpendicular to the aperture plane [3]. And a 3-1) high resolution and high precision antenna imaging of the test antenna is obtained from cylindrical near-field simulated measurements. In addition microwave holographic diagnostic of large NASA scatterometer molar antenna obtained from measured near-field on a cylindrical surface will be given if time permits.

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